Docket No.: 050395-0243 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Masaaki HIRANO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3238

Application No.: 10/750,864 : Group Art Unit: 1791

Filed: January 05, 2004 : Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM, AND OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER PRODUCED WITH THE METHOD

AMENDMENT AND RCE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 27, 2010 and a one-month extension of time up to and including February 27, 2010 is being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. A request for continued examination is being concurrently filed herewith.